

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, amendments have been requested for closer compliance with U.S. patent practice and procedure.

Claims 18-21 and 30-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Klinner (USP 4,512,146) and Claims 22-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Klinner. New Claims 35-50 have been added while former Claims 1-34 have been cancelled, without prejudice, and thus, Claims 35-50 remain active.

Considering first then the rejection of Claims 22-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Klinner, it is to be noted that Claim 35 contains the limitations of a first connecting part configured to connect the at least one conditioning element to the support by a first connection and a second connecting part configured to maintain connection of the at least one conditioning element to the support should the first connection break. As discussed on pages 8 and 9 of the application, this second connecting part serves to prevent the first connecting part from flying off from the rotor and injuring someone during operation of the device for treating forage.

Insofar as a review of Klinner as well as the remaining references of record fail to teach or disclose a second connecting part configured to maintain connection of at least one conditioning element to a support in the event that a first connection part breaks which connects the at least one conditioning element to the support, it is submitted that new Claim 35 and the claims dependent therefrom patentably define over the prior art. It is further submitted that each of new Claims 36-50 contain further structural limitations having no corresponding teaching or disclosure in Klinner or any of the remaining references of record. In view of the foregoing, and in view of the cancellation of Claims 1-34, without prejudice, it

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is submitted that each of newly introduced Claims 35-50 now merit indication of allowability
with the same being hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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